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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE

Final report of the Credentials Committee

1. Rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as provisionally applied, provides:

> "The Conference shall establish a Credentials Committee composed of the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen elected in accordance with rule 5, and six members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President. The Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay."

2. In accordance with rule 5 of its rules of procedure, the Conference unanimously elected Mr. Andelfo J. García (Colombia) as Chairman of the Credentials Committee and Ms. Mary Elizabeth Hoinkes (United States of America) and Mr. Alyaksandr M. Sychou (Belarus) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

3. In accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure, the Conference, on the proposal of the President, appointed the following countries as members of the Credentials Committee: Armenia, Germany, Italy, Lesotho, Lithuania and Myanmar.

4. The Committee held its first and second meetings on 21 and 27 April 1995 to examine the credentials received as at those dates. The Committee had before it two memoranda of the Secretary-General of the Conference, dated 21 and 27 April, containing information on the status of the credentials of the representatives of the States parties attending the Conference. Pursuant to the request in rule 3 that the Committee report to the Conference without delay, at the 14th plenary meeting, on 5 May, the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, introduced an interim report of the Committee to the Conference (NPT/CONF.1995/CC/L.1).

5. Also at its second meeting, the Committee noted the information relayed by the Secretary-General of the Conference and requested the Chairman to invite those States Parties that had not yet done so to submit to the Secretary-General of the Conference the credentials of their representatives in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure. The Committee's request was communicated by the Chairman to the States parties through a note (NPT/CONF.1995/INF/6).

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Further, those delegations which had only presented a designation of their representatives to the Conference or which had presented no written communication were contacted directly to remind them of the terms of rule 2 regarding the presentation of their credentials.

6. At its third and fourth meetings, on 4 and 9 May, the Committee had before it memoranda from the Secretary-General of the Conference which gave updated information on the status of the credentials of the representatives of States parties participating in the Conference.

7. Having examined the information contained in those memoranda, and other credentials it received subsequently, the Committee noted that, as at 11 a.m. on 10 May 1995:

(a) Formal credentials in due form, as provided for by rule 2 of the rules of procedure, had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference for representatives from the following 136 States parties:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe;

(b) Credentials of the representatives of the following 35 States parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference in the form of telefax copy from their Foreign Ministers:

Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Nauru, Niger, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Tajikistan, Togo, Turkmenistan, United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay;

(c) The designation of the representatives of the following four States parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by letters or telefaxes from their Permanent Missions in New York:

Burundi, Gambia, Tuvalu, and Yemen.

8. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to accept the credentials of those States parties referred to in paragraph 7 (a) and (b), on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the representatives of those States referred to in paragraph 7 (b) would be submitted as soon as possible, in accordance with the terms of rule 2 of the rules of procedure.